

Proclamation

Presented to

The Association for Conflict Resolution - Hawai'i Chapter

WHEREAS, the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) – Hawai'i Chapter joins fellow states and countries around the world in celebrating "Conflict Resolution Day 2011" on October 20th to promote awareness of mediation, arbitration, conciliation and other peaceful means of resolving conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Association for Conflict Resolution – Hawai'i Chapter instills the use of conflict resolution in schools, families, businesses, communities, government and the legal system; and recognize the significant contributions of peaceful conflict resolvers; and

WHEREAS, the Association for Conflict Resolution – Hawai'i Chapter recognizes conflict resolution as encompassing mediation, arbitration, facilitation, collective decision-making and other responses to differences; and

WHEREAS, the Association for Conflict Resolution – Hawai'i Chapter acknowledges that conflict resolution processes empower individuals, families, communities, organizations and businesses to foster communication and devise solutions that are acceptable to the needs and interests of all parties involved; and

WHEREAS, the Association for Conflict Resolution – Hawai'i Chapter encourages conflict resolution, which is taught and practiced by students and adults of all ages in many school systems, business establishments and non-profit organizations throughout Hawai'i and the world, as a way of resolving disputes;

THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor of the State of Hawaii, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lt. Governor of the State of Hawaiii, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2011, as

"CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY"

in the State of Hawai'i, and encourage all residents to learn more about conflict resolution practices and apply them in their daily lives to promote peaceful and creative resolutions to disputes.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of September, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i